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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT JUNE 22, 1955 PUT INTO EFFECT HERE AS EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT (VERWALTUNGSABKOMMEN) WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUNDESTAG CONSENT. AGREEMENT HOWEVER HAD TO BE PUBLISHED OFFICIALLY. ~~ASSUME~~ GOVT WOULD UTILIZE SIMILAR PROCEDURE WITH RESPECT ANY NEW AGREEMENT.

IN EMBASSY VIEW FED REP WOULD WISH PARTICIPATE IN ANY NEW AGREEMENT. WOULD NOT WISH TO BE ONLY NATO PARTNER EXCLUDED OR MAKE TROUBLE FOR US IN RELATIONS WITH OTHER PARTNERS. MOREOVER FED REP FEELS IT IS BEHIND OTHER POWERS IN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY GENERALLY AND AS DEFENSE MINISTER STRAUSS RECENTLY POINTED OUT GREATLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS MILITARY REACTORS, I.E. SUBMARINE.

PUBLICATION NEW AGREEMENT MAY HOWEVER REOPEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARMAMENT BUNDESWEHR WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN CLOSED WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. ALTHOUGH BUNDESTAG RATIFICATION NOT NECESSARY OPPOSITION MIGHT CALL FOR DEBATE AND RENEW ATTACKS ON GOVT.

GOVT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT IMPACT ON RELATIONS EAST BLOC. GIVEN DELICATE BALANCE FED REP RELATIONSHIP, COMMUNIST

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SENSITIVITY TO GERMAN ATOMIC ARMAMENT AND WHAT NOW APPEARS MAJOR EFFORT ON PART USSR PREVENT SUCH ARMAMENT, GOVT LIKELY MOVE SLOWLY. PRESENT TIME WITH FOUR POWER COMMISSION UNDER DISCUSSION AND KHRUSHCHEV ATTACKS ON POTSDAM AGREEMENTS TIMING PARTICULARLY BAD FOR ANY STEP WHICH MOSCOW MIGHT CHOOSE TO CONSIDER PROVOCATIVE.

WE HAVE MADE NO INQUIRIES HOWEVER EMB BELIEVES GOVT CONFIDENT PUBLIC SUPPORT ATOMIC DEFENSE AND WOULD IF NECESSARY FACE FOREGOING DIFFICULTIES.

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